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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(c)

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, §1.97 and §1.98, the Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified patent application the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. A copy of the documents is also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make this document of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c) as it is after receipt of a first Office Action on the merits but before mailing of a final Action or Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, a fee is required pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(p). A Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission.

Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

In addition, Applicants submit for the Examiner's consideration the following list of co-pending and co-owned applications, cited by serial number, first named inventor and filing date. The Applicants presume that the Examiner has access to and will review the co-pending applications and the files thereof for any office actions, amendments or other materials that may be relevant to the patentability of the claims of the present application. For any such U.S. patent application(s) that are currently pending, the Applicants further presume 00000092 09670000

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All of the co-pending applications in the following list are unpublished. Applicants do not believe that it is proper for any of the listed applications to appear on the face of a patent that may issue from the present application, and accordingly, Applicants have not listed these applications on a PTO-Form 1449.

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